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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R.:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2002, the term for response to which is extended by one (1) Month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on July 10, 2002.

#### **ELECTION**

Responsive to the requirement in the Office Action dated May 10, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-34, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Applicants have informed the undersigned that the original inventorship is still correct with respect to the elected subject matter of claims 1-34 (Group I).

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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith is a copy of USP 6,323,483 B1 and a Form PTO/SB/08A listing the particulars thereof. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A to confirm that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

No fee is required in connection with consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement at this stage of prosecution (before first Action on the merits).

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth hereinabove, and it is requested that the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement included herein.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 11, 2002

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